STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

WHEREAS: Upon the 13th day of April, 1989, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. Jimmy Fletcher Meders, 238451, Indictment Number 8700763, before the Superior Court of Glynn County; and,

WHEREAS: An order of the Superior Court of Glynn County, dated the 30th day of December, 2019, directs that Jimmy Fletcher Meders shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 16th day of January, 2020, and ending at noon on the 23rd day of January, 2020; and,

WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received, on behalf of Jimmy Fletcher Meders, an application for clemency requesting that the Board exercise its authority to enter an order commuting the sentence of Jimmy Fletcher Meders; and,

WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles has reviewed and considered the clemency application, all of the facts and circumstances of the offender and his offense, including his lack of a criminal record prior to committing this offense, his commission of only one minor infraction in over 30 years on death row, the jury's explicit desire during deliberations to impose a life without parole sentence which was legally unavailable at the time, and every living, able juror's continued support for such a sentence, as well as argument, testimony, and opinion in support of and against clemency;

THEREFORE: Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section II, Paragraph II (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, on behalf of the Members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the sentence of death imposed on Jimmy Fletcher Meders be **COMMUTED** this day to a sentence of life without parole.

For the State Board of Pardons and Paroles on this 16th day of January, 2020.

Terry E. Barnard
Chairman